

STATUS REPORT for US 17 CORRIDOR July 2012



July, 2012

- Final Environmental Impact Statement – April 2007
- Record of Decision – October 2007
- Design Public Hearing – Jan 2008
- R/W Acquisition Segment A – complete
Segment B – underway
- Construction Segment A - March 1, 2010 (Design –Build
contract awarded)
estimated completion – July, 2013
Segment B – 2013

- Segment A – Bridge work continues throughout project.
- Segment A - Culvert replacement at southern terminus (existing US 17) continuing.
- Began paving operations.

- Segment A – Paving operations along mainline.
- Segment A – Continue bridge work.
- Segment B - Right of Way Acquisition process is on-going.
- Segment B - Final design will continue.

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US 17 Hampstead Bypass (R-3300)

- Federal Draft Environmental Impact Statement Approved – July 2011
- Federal Final Environmental Impact Statement – January 2013
- State Record of Decision – May 2013
- Begin Right of Way Acquisition – SFY 2017
- Construction is unfunded in STIP

ACTION ITEMS RECENTLY ACCOMPLISHED:

- Merger team concurred on Alternative E-H as the least environmentally damaging practicable alternative for the project at a meeting held on May 23, 2012.
- Work is continuing on options for providing access at northern end of bypass that would safely accommodate traffic and minimize impacts to red-cockaded woodpecker foraging habitat. This is in response to citizen comments at October 2011 hearings.

ACTION ITEMS PLANNED:

- Consultant is currently conducting traffic capacity analysis of options for access at northern end of bypass. Expect to complete review of options in August 2012.
- Merger team meeting to discuss avoidance and minimization (Concurrence Point 4A) will be held in September 2012.
- Biological Assessment for endangered species impacts will be prepared prior to completion of the Corps of Engineers' Record of Decision for the Section 404 permit.

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US 17 Jax Bypass to Drummer Kellum Road (U-4007)

- Environmental Assessment Approved – October 2006
- Finding of No Significant Impact Approved – February 2008
- Right of Way Acquisition
 - Segment A: complete
 - Segment B: complete
 - Segment C: 2020
 - Segment D: unfunded
- Construction
 - Segment A: July 2011 (estimated completion - Dec. 2013)
 - Segment B: October 2010 (estimated completion - Nov. 2013)
 - Segments C&D: unfunded

ACTION ITEMS RECENTLY ACCOMPLISHED:

- Segment A: Construction approximately 44% complete
- Segment B: Construction approximately 35% complete

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US 17 Belgrade to New Bern Bypass (R-2514 B, C, & D)

- State Draft Environmental Impact Statement – Approved August 31, 2004
- Corridor Public Hearing – August 16, 2005
- Maysville Bypass Public Hearing – December 1, 2009
- State Final Environmental Impact Statement – Approved June 23, 2011
- State Record of Decision – Approved June 25, 2012
- Design Public Hearing – September 2012
- Right of Way acquisition:
 - Segment B: SFY 2014
 - Segment C: SFY 2013
 - Segment D: SFY 2013
- Construction:
 - Segment B: SFY 2019
 - Segment C: SFY 2015
 - Segment D: SFY 2015

ACTION ITEMS RECENTLY ACCOMPLISHED:

- Approval of State Record of Decision (June 25, 2012).
- Right of way plan preparation underway.

ACTION ITEMS PLANNED:

- Design Public Hearing planned for September 2012.
- Continue right of way plans design work.

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US 17 New Bern Bypass (R-2301)

- Record of Decision approved – June 2001
- Segment “A” – Complete
- Segment “B” – Begin Right of Way Acquisition in 2020

ACTION ITEMS PLANNED:

- Segment “B” - A Reevaluation must be prepared due to the time that has elapsed since the approval of the Record of Decision in June 2001. Project development activities are scheduled to begin in late 2012.

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US 17 from SR 1438 to Washington Bypass (R-2513)

- Environmental screening report prepared by PDEA staff April 2005
- Project Costs Updated by Feasibility Studies Unit - March 2010

Project not currently funded for Right of Way or Construction.

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US 17 Washington Bypass (R-2510)

- Record of Decision approved – Dec. 2004
- Section “A” – Complete
- Section “B” – Complete
- Section “C” – Right of Way acquisition completed
- Section “C” – Construction let March 2011,
Estimated completion - Dec. 2013

ACTION ITEMS RECENTLY ACCOMPLISHED

- Section “C” – Continued grading, drainage, paving, and structure activities for Section C. Structure #2 over Cherry Run under construction and nearly complete. The project is now 32% complete which is 9% ahead of schedule.

ACTION ITEMS PLANNED

- Section “C” – Complete bridge construction over Cherry Run in July 2012. Begin Structure #4 bridge construction of northbound lanes over Old Ford Swamp. Continue installation of drainage pipes, waterlines, grading, and ditching.

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US 17 from Washington Bypass to Williamston (R-2511)

- Environmental Assessment – April 2013
- Finding of No Significant Impact – April 2014
- Begin Right of Way Acquisition – 2019
- Construction is unfunded in 10-year work program

ACTION ITEMS RECENTLY ACCOMPLISHED:

- Geotechnical investigation to determine appropriate roadway grade for project is underway, expect to receive grade recommendations in August 2012.

ACTION ITEMS PLANNED:

- Preliminary design for project will have to be revised if Geotechnical Unit recommends raising roadway grade. Expect revised preliminary design to be completed December 2012.
- Merger team meeting to discuss wetlands and streams to be bridged (concurrence point 2A) to be held in early 2013.

Project Manager: Joe Miller, P.E., (919) 707-6031, josephmiller@ncdot.gov

Additional US 17 Projects:

US 17 from Mills Street in Bridgeton to NC 43 (R-3403)

- Environmental Assessment Approved – June 3, 2002
- Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) Approved – January 2005
- Addendum to FONSI Approved – July 2005
- Segment “A” – Right of Way Acquisition completed – late 2008
- Segment “AA” – Project construction letting Sept. 2010
Project completed – May 2012
- Segment “AB” – Began Construction May 2010
Estimated Completion Aug. 2012
- Segment “B” – Right of Way acquisition - unfunded
- Segment “B” – Construction – unfunded

CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES:

- Segment AA – Project completed May, 2012
- Segment AB - Percent complete: 81%, final pavement work to begin 7/10/12.

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US 17-74-76 / NC 133 Widening (R-3601)

- Categorical Exclusion – Approved - September 2010
- Categorical Exclusion Addendum – Approved – August 2011
- Begin Right of Way Acquisition – February 2013
- Begin Construction – February 2014

ACTION ITEMS RECENTLY ACCOMPLISHED:

- Constructability review conducted 5/2/12. At this review, the design was revised to eliminate the proposed detour bridge at the Brunswick River. Instead, additional permanent widening at the bridges will be used to maintain traffic. This should reduce cost, reduce disruption to the public, and reduce wetland impacts. This change will delay the construction let date, but may not change the contract completion date.

ACTION ITEMS PLANNED:

- Finish roadway & hydraulic design for combined bridge (previously bridges 103 & 105) over Brunswick River, with increased vertical clearance
- CP 4C meeting – March 2013
- Apply for environmental permits

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